

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-01333-DLF**

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Assigned to: Judge Dabney L. Friedrich  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 06/05/2018

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
06/05/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5518396) filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons US Attorney for the District of Columbia, # <u>3</u> Summons US Attorney General, # <u>4</u> Summons US Department of Justice)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 06/05/2018)
06/05/2018	<u>2</u>	LCvR 7.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Peterson, James) (Entered: 06/05/2018)
06/05/2018		Case Assigned to Judge Dabney L. Friedrich. (zsth) (Entered: 06/06/2018)
06/06/2018	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zsth) (Entered: 06/06/2018)
06/26/2018	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 6/18/2018. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 7/18/2018.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 06/18/2018., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 6/18/2018 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Cristina Rotaru)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 06/26/2018)

07/19/2018	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Daniel Patrick Schaefer on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 07/19/2018)
07/19/2018	<u>6</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.(Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 07/19/2018)
07/20/2018		MINUTE ORDER requiring the parties to MEET AND CONFER and file a joint status report proposing a schedule for further proceedings. The parties shall file the joint status report on or before August 9, 2018. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on July 20, 2018. (JPF) (Entered: 07/20/2018)
08/09/2018	<u>7</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 08/09/2018)
08/10/2018		MINUTE ORDER adopting the proposal in the parties' <u>7</u> Joint Status Report. Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before November 8, 2018. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on August 10, 2018 (lcldf1) (Entered: 08/10/2018)
11/08/2018	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 11/08/2018)
11/09/2018		MINUTE ORDER adopting the proposal in the parties' <u>8</u> Joint Status Report and Proposed Schedule. Accordingly, it is ORDERED that (1) the National Security Division, on behalf of the defendant Department of Justice, shall complete the outstanding searches for all four of the plaintiff's requests for records on or before November 30, 2018, (2) the defendant shall provide a final production to the plaintiff on or before November 30, 2018, and (3) the parties shall file another joint status report on or before December 10, 2018 updating the Court on the status of the searches and proposing a further processing schedule for any potentially responsive records that may be located. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on November 9, 2018. (lcldf1) (Entered: 11/09/2018)
12/07/2018	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 12/07/2018)
12/07/2018		MINUTE ORDER adopting the proposal in the parties' <u>9</u> Joint Status Report. Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before February 14, 2019. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on December 7, 2018. (lcldf1) (Entered: 12/07/2018)
02/13/2019	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 02/13/2019)
02/14/2019		MINUTE ORDER adopting the proposal in the parties' <u>10</u> Joint Status Report. Accordingly, it is ORDERED that (1) the defendant shall complete its records processing and issue a final response on or before March 7, 2019, (2) the parties shall file another joint status report on or before March 21, 2019. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on February 14, 2019. (lcldf1) (Entered: 02/14/2019)
03/21/2019	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 03/21/2019)
03/22/2019		MINUTE ORDER adopting the proposal in the parties' <u>11</u> Joint Status Report. Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before April 24, 2019. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on March 22, 2019. (lcldf1) (Entered: 03/22/2019)
03/22/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 4/24/2019. (zcdw) (Entered: 03/24/2019)
04/24/2019	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 04/24/2019)
04/24/2019		MINUTE ORDER adopting the proposal in the parties' <u>12</u> Joint Status Report. Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before June 14, 2019. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on April 24, 2019. (lcldf1) (Entered: 04/24/2019)

04/24/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 6/14/2019. (zcdw) (Entered: 04/25/2019)
06/14/2019	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Peterson, James) (Entered: 06/14/2019)
06/17/2019		MINUTE ORDER adopting the proposal in the parties' <u>13</u> Joint Status Report. Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before July 15, 2019. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on June 17, 2019. (lcdlf1) (Entered: 06/17/2019)
07/15/2019	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 07/15/2019)
07/15/2019		MINUTE ORDER adopting the proposal in the parties' <u>14</u> Joint Status Report. It is thus ORDERED that the parties shall file on or before August 20, 2019 a joint status report that includes the status of the parties' settlement discussions and a proposed schedule for any further proceedings. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on July 15, 2019. (lcdlf1) (Entered: 07/15/2019)